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SAY AUSTRIANS LOST ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND MEN

Recent Russian Offensive Resulted In Extensive Gains For Slavs, So London Reports—Carranza, On Other Hand, Asserts That Attacks Were Everywhere Repulsed and That Their Front Was Not Broken—Offensive Has Again Been Renewed By Russians After Short Interval

London, Jan. 15.—The Austrians lost 100,000 men including 10,000 prisoners in the recent Russian offensive, according to the Chronicle's Petrograd messages today.

How desperate was the Austrians' plight was indicated from the fact that the Austrian General Bothmer, to keep his troops from retreating across the Strypa river, destroyed bridges in rear. Then clinging to the east bank, the Teutons were exposed to a tremendous fire, from the Russian artillery.

"The offensive," said the dispatch, "covered the period when the allies were strengthening their positions in the near east, and it held off the Germans while the work of fortifying and landing at Salonika and evacuating Gallipoli peninsula went forward. So far, it served its purpose. Moreover, it warned the Germans that the initiative is gradually slipping from their grasp."

The Austrian Version.

Vienna, Jan. 15.—After abandoning the Montenegrin capital, Cetinje, the Montenegrins retreated along the whole south and west fronts toward Albania, said a war office statement today.

This told, too, of a renewed offensive by the Slavs around Czeronowitz.

"The Russians," said the statement, "attempted to break our Bessarabian front near Toporoutz and east of Rarancze north of Czeronowitz. Five great attacks failed, and well directed artillery fire contributed nobly to the repulse of the enemy.

"Since the beginning of the battle in East Galicia and Bessarabia, the Austrians have captured 5100 prisoners."

Rome, Jan. 15.—While the Austrians' ring of iron has compelled evacuation of the Montenegrin capital, Cetinje, the diplomatic corps has fled that city and reached Scutari, Albania, according to Austrian advices via Munich today.

Montenegrin stragglers are likewise entering Albania to escape capture. Meantime, Montenegrin guerrillas are harassing the victorious Austrians, and bloody fighting is in progress northeast of Scutari.

The whereabouts of King Nicholas and his forces which withdrew from Cetinje is a mystery, but it is believed the sovereign is heading for Scutari, where he will negotiate concerning the proposed separate peace with Austria.

The Cettinje forces were virtually surrounded at last reports. The only path of retreat is along a 45 mile gap to the south, leading through the northern Albanian mountains, where hostile tribes would attack them.

It is believed here that the hopelessness of the situation prompted King Nicholas to accept an armistice with Austria, though reports as to this are still unconfirmed.

Resignation over the consequent blow to Italian prestige in the Adriatic was somewhat dispelled today with news that the French submarine Foucault, attached to the Italian fleet, had sunk an Austrian scout cruiser of the Navara type.

Germany Rejects Proposal. Berlin, by wireless to Sayville, L. I., Jan. 15.—Germany has rejected the suggestion of Sir Edward Grey that the Barotang case, in which British officers were accused of murdering the German submarine's crew, be submitted to investigation by a court of American naval officers.

Germany has sent to Great Britain through American Ambassador Gerard denial of charges that the Germans were guilty of inhuman practices; and at the same time, the note announced that Germany will attempt reprisals because of the alleged cold blooded murder of the submarine crew.

England's offer to submit the Barotang case to an American tribunal was made with the proviso that Germany submit three cases of alleged German brutality.

British Steamers Collide. London, Jan. 15.—Several persons drowned today when the British steamers Argus and Larchwood collided in the Bristol channel. The Argus loaded some of the Larchwood's survivors.

Crew is Drowned. London, Jan. 15.—Twenty-five members of the crew of the 2,700 ton Spanish steamer Bayo perished when that vessel was mined Tuesday in the Bay of Biscay. One man was saved.

Ovation for Kaiser. Berlin, by wireless to Sayville, L. I., Jan. 15.—Kaiser Wilhelm was joyfully cheered by street throngs today as he drove to the Reichskansler luncheon.

Trading Was Active In Wall Street Today (Copyright 1915 by the New York Evening Post.)

New York, Jan. 15.—The week closed with the stock market in much the same condition as during the past few days since the heavy decline in war stocks culminated. Trading was active, but price movements were irregular, with most of them not varying greatly from yesterday's close. In some industrial issues, repurchases by speculative sellers was in evidence but even they did not maintain their early advances. It was hardly necessary to ascribe the uncertainty to any news developments, and the chance that may something happen over night or over Sunday was too familiar a proposition to be a controlling influence.

STRICT GOLF REGULATIONS Chicago, Jan. 15.—The United States Golf association today clamped on its most stringent ruling, when it held any golf player is liable to suspension or expulsion, who acts as an agent or an employe of a concern handling golf supplies, or is engaged in any business in which "one's usefulness or profit arises because of his skill or prominence in golf."

Mr. Glen had 'I join th' Reglar army an' offers his narrow sparin' luggery for sale. Miss Tawney Apple, while walkin' through a stubble field, yesterday, was mistaken for two rabbits an' got shot in th' ankles.

GERMAN OFFICERS AND TURKISH ARTILLEY CROSSING THE MESOPOTAMIA DESERT TO STRIKE AT THE BRITISH



The recent losses of the allies in the vicinity of Bagdad was due in great measure, according to military experts, to the able manner in which the Germans aided their Turkish allies. The photograph shows a Turkish artillery division made up of Turks and Germans going across the Mesopotamia desert to meet the British.

JOHN SCOFIELD IS ACCUSED OF TAKING MONEY FROM LETTERS

Salem High School Student Arrested With Marked Currency On His Person

John Scofield, a 17 year old student of the Salem high school, who has been acting as assistant messenger for the Salem post office, was arrested last night on a charge of robbing the mails. The young man has been in the employ of the postoffice here since September of 1915 and recently the post office authorities suspected that the boy had been taking small checks and currency from letters. Last night Postmaster August Huestein and Assistant Postmaster John Farrar lay in wait after marking two \$1 bills and taking the serial numbers of the bills for reference. The bills were placed in an envelope addressed to "H. G. Martin, Collecting Agency, Portland."

Mr. Huestein and Mr. Farrar then watched the youth from their hiding place and saw him take the two letters and one addressed to Secretary of State Olcott and enter the lavatory. The sheriff's office had been notified and Sheriff Esch was called to arrest the young man. They found the two \$1 bills on his person when he was searched and also the letter addressed to Secretary Olcott which had not been opened.

Sheriff Esch brought the young man over to his office and stated today that the boy made a confession in which he said he had taken six letters since he had been working around the postoffice. Scofield told Sheriff Esch that the first letter he took was addressed to Secretary Olcott, shortly before the Christmas holidays. He said the letter contained a check and that he was afraid to cash it and he tore it up and threw it away.

The young man told Sheriff Esch that he tore open the corners of the envelopes and if they contained currency he appropriated them to his own use and if they contained postal money orders or checks he dropped them back into the mail boxes.

The offense with which Scofield is charged will be handled in the federal courts and does not come under any of the provisions of the state law which allows judges to parole from the bench or to give indeterminate sentences. The amount of money taken has no bearing on the case under the federal law and the sentence for conviction of an employee robbing the mails is a \$500 fine or five years in prison or both. The federal judge, however, under the common law rights can suspend sentence in minor offenses but no pardons are issued for an offense against the federal law except by the president of the United States.

Young Scofield is the son of C. P. Scofield who resides on a farm two miles east of Marion. He is a student in the Salem high school and sought employment in the postoffice to aid in paying his way through school. He passed the civil service examination last fall and was made assistant messenger during the holiday rush. The messenger was not allowed the run of the mail room but on account of the cold weather which has been prevalent this winter he was allowed to come inside the mail room where it is warm. He has been making the trains and doing other special errands as an assistant to Messenger Keys.

Some time ago a woman made complaint that Scofield had been tampering with the packages and at that time he was reprimanded by Postmaster Huestein and it was thought that he had been tampering with the mail.

Large Districts Flood Northeast of Amsterdam

Amsterdam, Jan. 15.—Sixteen persons have been drowned at the Island of Marken, 10 miles northeast of here following the breaking of dykes before flood waters. The situation there is extremely serious. Telephone communication is broken.

Whole districts are isolated by water sweeping through a break in the Zuyder Zee dyke. Polders are inundated; the railway from Rotterdam to Dordrecht is partly destroyed.

CLEVER STROKE MADE BY BRITISH FORESTALLS AMERICAN PROTEST

By Ed L. Keen. (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

London, Jan. 15.—The British foreign office executed a clever stroke, officials declared today, in making public at this time the seized documents of German Attaché Von Papen, regarded here as the source of payments for anti-ally activities in America. Well posted authorities believe the publication of these, together with England's furnishing them officially to the United States state department will check American agitation for protests against the British blockade.

One official commented: "We believe President Wilson will hesitate, pending an investigation of Ambassador Von Bernstorff's connection with the Von Papen payments, and will discover whether Teuton submarine leniency is actuated purely by a spirit of friendliness for America or for the purpose of better carrying out the campaign of frightfulness in America."

Responsible officials stated that England will not sanction her blockade against Germany, despite possible American protests.

They held, too, that thought this was originally a measure of reprisal against Teuton submarine attacks, it has now developed into a legal war blockade.

Embassy Embarrassed. Washington, Jan. 15.—German Ambassador Von Bernstorff today faced embarrassing explanations as a result of disclosure of money expenditures shown in documents seized in England from Captain Von Papen, the recalled German attaché. These documents showed that under the head of "war intelligence" an account, he had turned over to Von Papen large sums and these, in turn, had been distributed variously throughout the country just before certain anti-ally bomb "jobs" were executed.

It was regarded here as possible that the ambassador will have difficulty in defending his connection with Von Papen's work—work that made the attaché non-gratis with this government. Officials pointed out that conclusive, legal proof of wrong doing is not required to impair the ambassador's diplomatic usefulness; mere belief or moral certainty of such misconduct is sufficient for recall.

London publication of Von Papen's check stubs and letters, many of the latter bitter against the United States, created strong interest among officials. The ambassador, however, reiterated his skepticism as to the actuality of these documents, coupled with his disbelief, that if they really do exist, they showed that Papen used his funds for criminal conspiracies in the United States.

The embassy's attitude is, that while it admits giving Von Papen frequent large sums, it is ignorant of any wrongful use thereof and believes that the money was used for legitimate expenses. Von Bernstorff scouted the idea that an English port, would have any incriminating documents on his person.

The administration indicated that it insists on further inquiry and will probably await photographic copies of the documents now being forwarded by American Ambassador Page from London. Authorities were not disposed to accept the embassy disclaimer of ignorance as absolving the German diplomats from responsibility. Von Bernstorff, as Von Papen's chief, it was said, was responsible to a certain extent.

A tangle of embassy accounting, precluding positive proof of misconduct of officials other than Von Papen, is considered a possible development.

THE WEATHER

Oregon: Tonight and Sunday generally fair except occasional snow, southwest portion, continued cold; northeasterly winds.

THIS STOVE FEELS GOOD

CARRANZA IS LEFT FREE TO VINDICATE HIS RULE

Senate Adjourns Over Until Monday and There Is No Immediate Prospect of Interference With Administration Plans Toward Mexico—Refugees, Fearing For Lives, Pour In El Paso—City is More Quiet Now That First Fury In Rioting Was Spent

Washington, Jan. 15.—With no prospect of American interference in Mexico, the administration today proceeded with its policy of giving General Carranza a chance to punish the murderers of eighteen Americans at Santa Ysabel, Monday, and to provide protection against a recurrence.

The senate had adjourned to Monday. Meantime, it is believed that Carranza will show he can do as much, or more, toward handling the situation than the United States could by intervening. Though the house held its usual session, no trouble was anticipated from its members.

General Carranza's personal pledge to Secretary of State Lansing or President Wilson to hunt down and execute the bandits was expected, for only a general statement to that effect has come from him thus far.

The state department promised no immediate action on the petition of El Paso citizens to oust Consul Edwards of Juarez, and it will make no effort to investigate him until the excitement at El Paso has entirely subsided.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 15.—Fearing that Villista bandits would give them short shrift as in the case of 18 Americans murdered at Santa Ysabel, covering refugees from northern Mexico poured in here today.

Many of them left behind developed properties or rich prospects; and because of this joined with angered mining and cattle men, already here, in denunciation of the administration for what they called lack of proper protection for American rights south of the border.

On the whole, however, the city seemed to have lost some of its first fiery fury over the executions. United States troopers still kept guard over portions of the city. Last night they marked off the Mexican section and permitted no Mexicans to quit it; nor any Americans to enter it, lest the previous night's rioting be resumed.

Officials sought to learn why two American soldiers were in a group of 52 refugees who reached the border last night from the Chihuahua district. The pair was discovered 18 miles south of the boundary.

Included in the party were all the boys were all the Guggenheim plant in Chihuahua.

Carranzista authorities in Juarez bestirred themselves today to afford protection to the Mormon colony of Americans at Casas Grandes, Chihuahua, for all efforts to induce them to flee have proven unavailing.

With some of the funerals of Santa Ysabel victims already held, plans were made for giving Manager Watson of the Cuel company a Masonic burial tomorrow, and W. J. Wallace, similar services Monday.

Simple funeral services for the dead General Huerta provoked no demonstration. Today the body rests within a vault, waiting the time when it may be taken back to his native land in keeping with his dying wishes.

How weak Villa's cause now is was indicated by dispatches stating that his list showed the following dead: Plumber Logan. John Schultz, yard workman. Two unidentified men, one of whom was an enlisted sailor.

Two men were injured, among whom was Chief Electrician Miles, whose condition is critical. Officers said there would be a further search, but it is believed that all the bodies were taken out.

Cause of Explosion. Washington, Jan. 15.—The submarine E-2, victim of an explosion at the Brooklyn navy yard today, was the first undersea boat in the United States navy to be equipped with the new Edison batteries. The department explained that there is no such thing as a battery explosion, and that previous submarine accidents had been caused by generation of poisonous gases from the batteries, with no outlet while the craft was submerged. The Edison battery was designed to obviate such poisoning.

The fire department reports said ten men were aboard, two of whom were seriously injured, and that rescue of the others was prevented by deadly fumes inside.

When it became apparent that the accident might have been more serious than at first indicated, the navy yard was closed. Then officials withheld authoritative information and cloaked the whole affair in mystery.

The explosion is the second disaster of recent months aboard United States undersea vessels. The other incident was the sinking of the F-4 at Honolulu with all her crew aboard. Faults within the submarine were assigned in that case, too, as responsible for the accident.

The commandant declared later that

Must Face Firing Squad

New York, Jan. 15.—Death before Mexican firing squads will be the fate of Mexican bandits who Monday participated in the ghastly massacre of Americans at Santa Ysabel.

General Trevina, Carranza commander at Chihuahua City, thus wired today to the United Press, at the same time confirming reports that the Carranzistas had executed Generals Rodriguez and Almeida, bandit chiefs.

"Punishment administered to the culprits in the Santa Ysabel massacre," said the message, "will be identical with that meted out to Rodriguez and Carlos Almeida. They were made prisoners and shot."

"I have ordered a regiment under Colonel Jose Villaneuva to pursue the Santa Ysabel bandits and simultaneously have ordered General Jose Cavazos and the chief of detachments at Bustillos, Coshuirachio and San Antonio to watch the murderers' movements."

"The bandits, realizing that the constitutionalists are moving on all sides, retired to Carretas and later scattered in small groups. If we locate them, we will pursue them without rest."

"With combined movements over the two branches of the northwest railway, we did succeed in keeping away all hands, and in putting them to flight or in pushing them to the Sierra Madre, where they will find no food."

"Juarez informs me that the Parron, Casas Grandes, and Madera garrisons have been reinforced."

Ryan Will Make Fight For Citizenship Rights

San Francisco, Jan. 15.—Buffeted from one country to another and disowned by each, James Ryan, who declared he is an American born in Connecticut, came to San Francisco today on the liner Nippon Maru to make a fight for recognition as an American citizen.

"I was arrested for robbery in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and served three years," he claimed. "At the end of that time two fellows who had it in for me declared I was an undesirable alien and asked that I be deported. I protested but was ordered sent to Calcutta. When I reached San Francisco I told my story to Officer Frank Hayes at Angel Island, but he refused to investigate."

"I was deported on January 6. At Hongkong they threw me in prison. I appealed to the American consul, but to no purpose. Finally I reached Calcutta. The English officials refused to receive me and here I am again, a man without a country."

HE STOLE \$20,000 ROLL

Evanston, Ind., Jan. 15.—Assistant Bookkeeper George Pink of the Hercules Huggy company entered his office today, picked up \$20,000 intended for the payroll, and made his escape. He was later captured with the money intact.

